



18th Battalion Association

Windsor and Detroit Branch

MEMORIES

I would like to pay a special tribute to Capt. Dick Shuttleworth, another of our splendid officers who never forgot the men who served with him in France and Belgium, many under his own command. When some of our members go to Westminster, they often call and see the Captain and we are always glad to hear about him.

The Captain has been a long time member of our London Branch and while he has not been too active owing to an annoying physical condition, he is always delighted to help and interested in everything that is taking place in the different branches.

I remember the Captain at Queens Park when he was in command of the Base Company, as their cots were directly behind the members of our Company. Each morning those stationed at the Park usually went out and ran around the Park about three times. The Base Company usually ran outside the park and seemed to run farther and longer than the other groups. This extra training really paid off when the Base Company was awarded the Efficiency Cup which was presented to Capt. Shuttleworth by the Duke of Connaught at a dinner held in a London hotel. The next day the Base Company was broken up, the men going to the different Companies and the Captain to "C" Company under Major Sale. Captain Shuttleworth describes Major Sale as an officer who didn't believe in spit and polish, but instilled trust and confidence in the men of C Company. The Major was later wounded when a rifle grenade came over and exploded at his feet. He died that night in the La Brasserie dressing station. There are many other incidents in the service of the Captain but space will not permit us to describe them.

Let me close by simply saying that the Captain was a good officer and the Battalion members who are left still have a great affection for him.

The Battalion had so many brave and gallant officers during the entire war that it was a pleasure to serve under their command. Many of them are now gone but they will never be forgotten as long as our Association shall survive.